

FWP TRACKING SUMMARY
2013 LEGISLATION
Updated 01/10/2013

The following are bills FWP is tracking that pertain, in most instances, to the FWP resources we are responsible for managing.

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** Bills that were Tabled in Committee, Missed Transmittal date, etc.*

BILL #	SPONSOR	SUMMARY AND STATUS
HB 24	Cook	Establishes a State Parks & Recreation board with powers, duties, and rulemaking authority. Would remove Parks items from the FWP Commission. House 1 st Reading 1/7/2013
HB 26	Washburn	Would allow the use of lightednock on an arrow while hunting big game or large predators. As introduced, the Commission may not prohibit the use of lighted nocks. House Hearing 1/15/2013
HB 27	Washburn	Would authorize the use of a suppressor while hunting mountain lion or wolves. House Hearing 1/17/2013
HB 29	Washburn	Would authorize trapping of mountain lions by residents. House Hearing 1/22/2013
HB 31	Washburn	Would establish by law a statewide general wolf hunting season from Oct 1 – Feb. 28 and a special archery season coinciding with the deer and elk archery only season. Requires FWP to maintain at least 15 breeding pairs and a total population of at least 150 but more than 250 wolves. Would require a wolf trapper safety and education course. would allow of up to 5 wolf licenses. Would reduce the nonresident wolf license fee from \$350 to \$49 per license. Eliminates the requirement for hunter orange to be worn by wolf hunters outside the general deer and elk season as authorized by Commission rules. Allows the use of recorded or amplified calls or sounds when wolf hunting. House Hearing 1/10/2013
HB 33	Washburn	Would require the classification of large predator incidences specifying FWP responses to those incidences and requiring written permission from the landowner if a predator is moved to private property. House Hearing 1/15/2013
HB 37	McChesney	Would allow a temporary change in the use of a water right through a lease. House 1 st Reading 1/7/2013
HB 62	Connell	Authorize FWP Commission to require barbless hooks in catch-and-release waters. House Hearing 1/15/2013
HB 73	Flynn	Would allow the department to issue more than one license per wolf hunter, reduces the price of the nonresident wolf license from \$350 to \$50, allows the use of electronic calls and eliminates the requirement to wear hunter orange outside the general deer and elk season as authorized by commission rules. House Hearing 1/10/2013
HB 106	Connell	Would generally revise water use laws. House 1 st Reading 1/7/2013
HB 115	Clark	Would allow alternative livestock/ranch animals and rabbits to be slaughtered and prepared in establishments that slaughter and prepare cattle, sheep, swine. House Hearing 1/10/2013
HB 136	McClafferty	Would revise the application process for a nonresident youth combination license and the licensing requirements for the accompanying adult. House Hearing 1/17/2013
HB 142	Connell	Would restore language assenting to the Dingell-Johnson Act for the management and restoration of fish. Necessary for Montana to be eligible to receive these federal funds. House Hearing 1/17/2013
HB 144	Harris	Would authorize the use of dogs while hunting black bears. House Hearing 1/22/2013

HB 147	Redfield	Revises the penalties for failure to obtain landowner's permission for hunting. House Hearing 1/22/2013
HB 150	Edmunds	Would allow for 1 free wolf license to a resident or nonresident who obtains a hunting license for any game animal as defined in 87-2-101 unless the department determines the states' minimum wolf population is less than 200 wolves. House Hearing 1/17/2013
HB 160	Washburn	Would provide general fund money to the aquatic invasive species programs. With a base amount of \$59,209 and the amount of the transfer must be increased by 10% in each succeeding fiscal year. House 1 st Reading 1/9/2013
HB 161	Washburn	Would increase the number of available nonresident big game hunting licenses, from 17,000 to 20,000 and requires the department to offer 10,000 nonresident combination licenses to applicants indicating their intent to hunt only in specified wilderness areas. House Hearing 1/24/2013
HB 163	Flynn	Would eliminate the mountain lion trophy fee. House Hearing 1/24/2013
HB 170	Galt	Would create a 3-day nonresident upland bird license with the exception that pheasants may not be taken during the open or sage grouse at any time. House Hearing 1/24/2013
HB 179	Randall	Would allow disabled members of the armed forces to qualify for certain hunting licenses. House 1 st Reading 1/10/2013
HB 180	Wagoner	Would revise the requirements for a nonresident relative to receive a reduced cost hunting license. The individual applying must provide evidence of having passed a hunters safety course. The criteria of previously having held a Montana resident hunting or fishing license would be eliminated. Referred to House Committee 1/10/2013
SB 17	Priest	Would submit to Montana voters an amendment to the Montana Constitutional recognizing that a persons inalienable right of persons to use their own property. Senate 1 st Reading 1/7/2013
SB 18	Hamlett	Would provide the ownership of a channel and forward channel of a navigable river or stream following an avulsion. Senate Hearing 1/16/2013
SB 19	Hamlett	Defines the term "combined appropriation" for water wells and developed springs that are exempt and clarifies the definition of the term 'developed spring'. Senate first reading 1/7/2013
SB 38	Vincent	Defines "stream depletion zones", reduces the exemption for ground water appropriations within stream depletion zones and limits areas where stream depletion zones may be established. Senate first reading 01/07/2013
SB 75	Priest	Would authorize the donation of hunting licenses for disabled veterans and the conditions that must be met by the veteran to qualify. Senate Hearing 1/10/2013
SB 80	Hamlett	Would extend the sunset on good neighbor laws to June 30, 2019. Senate Hearing 1/10/2013
SB 83	Murphy	Would establish criteria for the transplanting of bighorn sheep. Senate Hearing 1/10/2013
SB 88	Barrett	Would adopt the Upper Missouri River Breaks Compact and provide an immediate effective date. Senate first reading 1/7/2013
SB 101	Facey	Revise qualifications to obtain permit to hunt from a vehicle. Senate 1 st Reading 1/9/2013
SB 118	Thomas	Would set aside certain hunting licenses for residents who are 65 or older. Granting rules via drawing would set aside 8 goat and 8 mountain sheep licenses in a license year to those individuals if they had applied as a resident and had been unsuccessful in obtaining a special license for that species in at least 10 license years since the inception of the automated licensing system and have never obtained that license. Senate Introduced 01/09/2013
SB 123	Van Dyk	Would establishing a Hunters Against Hunger Program, including options for donation on certain hunting licenses; establishes the Hunters Against Hunger Account and provides for donations to be deposited into the account. Senate Introduced 1/10/2013
SJ 4	Keene	Propose an interim study of the operation, maintenance, and funding of state-owned sites at Virginia City, Nevada City, and Reeder's Alley in Helena. Senate Hearing 1/14/2013

HUMAN RESOURCES

BILL #	SPONSOR	SUMMARY AND STATUS
HB 13	Swanson	Pay plan bill. House 1 st Reading 1/7/2013
HB 96	Wilmer	Would temporarily increases employer contributions to PERS, highway patrol, sheriff, game warden and peace officers retirement system. House 1 st Reading 1/7/2013
HB 110	Pease-Lopez	Would require a state agency to document that it has considered statutory guiding principles when formulating or implementing policies or administrative rules that have direct tribal implications. House Hearing 1/17/2013
SB 60	Vuckovich	Temporarily increases employer contribution to PERS and game wardens' retirement systems. Senate Hearing 1/15/2013
SB 82	Lewis	Would require new hires into PERS to be members in the defined contribution plan and revising other member options. Senate 1 st Reading 1/7/2013

APPROPRIATIONS/MONEY

BILL #	SPONSOR	SUMMARY AND STATUS
HB 2	Ankney	General appropriations bill. House Hearing 1/14/2013
HB 4	Ankney	Continuing appropriations bill. House 1 st Reading 1/7/2013
HB 5	Ankney	Capital projects bill. House 1 st Reading 1/7/2013
HB 6	Cook	Renewable resource grants. House Hearing 1/14/2013
HB 7	Cook	Reclamation and development grants program. House 1 st Reading 1/7/2013
HB 8	Cook	Renewable resources loans for projects. House 1 st Reading 1/7/2013